



## MERCHANT SHIPS ORDERED ARMED

Congress Called to Meet April 16—Step Fraught With Grave Possibility of Actual War.

President Wilson from a sickbed Friday ordered the arming of American merchant ships against Germany's ruthless submarine warfare and at the same time issued a proclamation calling an extra session of Congress to meet April 16.

The President's decision came suddenly, following action of the Senate in revising its rules to permit prompt action on important questions and the submission of formal opinions by Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory that he has the power to arm merchantmen without action by Congress.

Details of the government's armed neutrality plan for defending the merchant marine were withheld to avoid endangering Americans and their ships by permitting the information to reach Germany. The only statement at the White House and the Navy Department was that the President was determined to fully protect American rights.

The decision, coming at the end of a period of tense waiting, was generally hailed as the natural and unavoidable step in the policy adopted by the President when he broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and gave warning that the United States would not tolerate attacks on American ships and citizens in violation of international law.

Fraught with the grave possibility of war with Germany, the action was taken by President Wilson only after he was convinced that Germany actually was proceeding with her campaign of ruthlessness, and had made efforts to plot with Mexico and Japan, against the territorial integrity of the United States.

### MISS MILDRED JOHN-

SON TO WED

At an informal bridge party given Friday evening by Mrs. Field Van Meter, at her home in Winchester, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Mildred Johnson, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. Frank Johnson, to J. Smith Hays, Jr., prominent young attorney of Winchester. No date is set for the wedding, but it is expected to take place in the near future. The bride-to-be is well known in this city, where she is quite popular with a host of admiring friends.

Eggs for Setting  
FINEST BUFF ORPINGTONS  
\$1.00 for 15 eggs.

(37-3t) L. T. CHILES.

## "LION AND MOUSE" MAKES HIT

The "Strollers," the University of Kentucky Dramatic Club, that is to present "The Lion and the Mouse" at The Tabb Theatre Wednesday (tomorrow) night, made the biggest hit of its career at the Lexington Opera House last Saturday night. The Lexington Leader has the following to say in regard to the production: "Everything connected with the performance displayed a finish seldom found in the 'amateur show.' The acting was of a kind that would do credit to professionals. In the leading parts were Emory Frazier, as John Burdett Ryder, Miss Mamie Miller Woods, as Shirley Rossmore and Augustus Gay, as Jefferson Ryder. These three could have carried the show to success by their work alone, and it was difficult to realize that they were not professional actors. Mr. Gay, a young athlete of this city, was at home in his part, that of the manly young son of the unscrupulous Ryder. His part was probably one of the most difficult to play.

Mr. Frazier is a veteran actor in Stroller plays, as he has had leading parts in each annual production for the last three years. There is no doubt, but what he did the best work last night of his career.

Unquestionably Miss Woods was a favorite with the audience from the moment of her first entrance to the final curtain. A beautiful girl, charming in personality, accomplished, it was inevitable that her rendition of the part of Shirley should be popular with the audience when to these things she added a wonderfully sweet stage voice and a depth of feeling of which most amateurs are incapable. Her acting in the "denunciation scene" was little short of professional.

William Shinnick, another experienced actor, had the leading comedy part, that of Fitzroy Bagley, and as usual, he made a hit. He is a natural comedian and kept the audience in a good humor at all times.

Enoch Grehan, dramatic critic for the Lexington Herald, said: "The play caught on from the first curtain and held its auditors securely to the close, a feat few non-professional companies are ever able to accomplish."

Maurice Burnaugh, a professional actor with Raymond Hitchcock, who witnessed the Lexington performance, said: "Frazier's interpretation of Ryder was the best amateur effort I ever saw. I consider him a natural and forceful interpreter."

The advance seat sale at Land & Priest's has been unusually heavy and it is certain that a "standing-room-only" crowd will greet "The Strollers" when the curtain rises at 8:15 tomorrow night.

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## BIG ENTERPRISE MAY BE BUILT

Handling of Immense Tobacco Crop in This Section May Bring Business Here.

The delay in the shipping of tobacco from the warehouses in this city which caused the loose leaf sales to be held up on several occasions this season, may result in this city having an immense redrying plant built here and it is reported that several men interested in the tobacco business already have plans under way looking toward the construction of such a plant the coming summer. The building of a plant of this character would mean a great deal to this city and would furnish employment to many men and would also serve to make this city a much better tobacco market and of course, the more tobacco sold here the better it will be for the merchants.

### Damaged Stock Sale.

Punch, Graves & Co. will put on a Special Sale, beginning Thursday of this week, the offerings to consist of the shoes that were damaged the first of February when the large city water main on Main street broke and flooded our cellar and stock room. We will also offer a number of odds and ends in this sale. These goods are only slightly damaged but will be marked at figures that will make them sell. It is our intention to close out every shoe that was damaged, no matter how little. Prices on foot-wear is advancing every week and you should not overlook this opportunity to supply your needs. Do not forget the date, Thursday, March 15th, the sale starts. A rare opportunity. Punch, Graves & Co.

### BUYS OLDSMOBILE

Mr. Marvin N. Gay has purchased a four passenger Oldsmobile 8 roadster. The car will be delivered to Mr. Gay about the first of the month.

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## ATTENTION MR. FARMER

Let Nothing Prevent Your Coming to Hear Hon. J. H. Thompson Speak Monday.

Hon. J. H. Thompson, of Bourbon county, considered one of the best posted men on the tax question that is now up before the Legislature, will address the people of this county Monday afternoon at 1:15 at the Court House and we urge all people interested in this great question, especially the farmers, to let nothing prevent their coming to hear this gentleman. The bills as submitted by the Tax Commission if passed will work great hardships on the farmers.

### GREAT MEETING AT LEXINGTON

More than 2,000 men met at Lexington Sunday afternoon and expressed their sentiments with enthusiasm and declared their faith in President Wilson. The meeting in no uncertain language condemned the action of the Senators, led by Stone and LaFollette and called upon Senators Beckham and James to urge that Senator Stone be not re-appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Governor Stanley, Rev. Richard Wilkins, Dean R. K. Massie, Judge C. F. Kerr and others made stirring speeches.

### Wanted

Will give five cents per pound for clean rags delivered at the garage. Pinney-Griggs Co.

### OLD NEGRO DEAD

Lewis Walker, better known to most of the people of this city as "Uncle Lewis," died at his home in Smithville Monday, aged 86 years. He was a polite, hard working old man and had the respect of both white and colored people.

Farm For Sale. The T. D. Jones farm of 31½ acres near city limits, all in grass, and nice residence, with gas and water, is for sale. Call on J. G. Trimble. 37-tf

## BUILDERS BUSY

Miss Elizabeth Wyatt has started the foundation to a modern dwelling on her lot on Sycamore street and will rush same through to completion. G. H. Strother has the contract.

Chenault & Orear will start this week to build an addition to their garage on Main street. A modern flat will be built on the second floor of the addition.

Trimble & Chiles will shortly begin the erection of a handsome brick and concrete garage on East Main street just below the Baumont Hotel.

### TAKES CARBOLIC ACID

Mr. John Stockdale, one of the best known men in the county, and who lived in the Judy neighborhood, drank carbolie acid Saturday night and died within a short time. He was about 65 years of age. He is survived by four children and one brother, Mr. Rufus Stockdale, of this city. He was a clever, big hearted man and his many friends were shocked at his tragic death.

### LOTS SELL CHEAP

The handsome building lot of Mr. Albert Stofor adjoining the property of Mr. E. W. Heflin on West High street was sold at public auction Saturday for \$755. Mr. Heflin was the purchaser. Considering the size of the lot and the location this sold very cheap. Mr. W. Hoffman Wood, the real estate man, conducted the sale.

Wanted to Rent—House, centrally located. Apply at this office.

### BUYS BUILDING LOT

Mrs. Mary Wood Rice last week purchased from Mr. W. C. Hamilton a building lot on Samuels avenue. Mr. Hamilton recently purchased same from Mr. L. C. McCormick. It is reported that two or three houses will be built on this street the coming summer.

### CARRANZA RE-ELECTED

General Carranza was on Sunday elected President of Mexico by what is believed to be the largest vote ever cast in that country. He received all but a few scattering votes. Reports from various sections of the county report that the election passed off quietly. The congressional contests were rather spirited.

### DR. SHIRLEY ELECTED

Dr. J. A. Shirley was chosen by the recently appointed Board of Health as Health Officer of this city at a salary of \$100 per year. Dr. C. W. Harris, Lee Orear and Clay Miller compose the Board of Health.

### Motorcycle for Sale

Big Indian, Model 1915 twin, 3 speeds, equipped. In A-1 condition, will demonstrate. Apply at J. W. Stephens' Carriage Shop. (37-3t)

## RETRIBUTION FOLLOWS THEFT

Man Who Steals Diamond Ring, When Confronted by Sheriff, Suddenly Expires.

"The wages of sin is death." Truly this Biblical admonition was carried out in no uncertain manner Monday, when Lee Million, confronted by Sheriff Harry F. Howell and charged with stealing a diamond ring from a suit case, suddenly put his hand to his side and gasped, "Oh my heart!" and fell forward dead.

Miss Margaret Frost, the community nurse here, was returning from the home of Mrs. R. E. Tipton Sunday afternoon and had her suit case strapped to the side of Mrs. Tipton's machine, however they did not come directly to the city but drove to the residence of Mr. James H. Henry, near Sideview, and somewhere on the road, lost the suit case and returned to this city before missing it. They immediately went back over the route they had traveled and found the suit case at the store of Thomas Anton, who said the case had been left there by a stranger traveling with his wife and five children in a small wagon. Upon her return Miss Frost, in unpacking the suit case, missed a diamond ring she had placed in the case. It was too late, however, to make the trip, so bright and early Monday morning, Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Rex Hall and Sheriff Harry F. Howell set out to locate the man who had left the suit case at the store of Mr. Anton, and finally found him in Clark county on his way to Winchester. Mr. Howell asked the man regarding the suit case and he denied knowing anything about it or having left it at the store, but finally admitted he did find it but said he knew nothing about a diamond ring as he had not opened the case, and asked Mr. Howell to search him, but when the Sheriff was within a few feet of him suddenly put his hand to his side and gasped "oh my heart" and fell forward dead. The Coroner of Clark county was summoned and took charge of the body, which was conveyed to Winchester where an inquest will be held today. The ring was found in the dead man's pocket.

Million is not known in this section but papers on his person showed that the authorities in Ohio had assisted him some time ago. The wife and five little children were brought to this city and taken to the Rest Rooms where they were cared for until Monday afternoon when they were taken to Winchester. The poor woman and her little children have the sympathy of everyone.

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## LION and MOUSE

Presented by

## THE STROLLERS

of the University of Kentucky

Tabb Theatre, Wednesday, March 14

Reserved Seats at Land & Priest's

PRICES, 50, 35, and 25 Cents

## THE TABB THEATRE

Judy & Gay, Lessees

## MARGUERITE CLARK

Starring in

## "PATRIA"

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Matinee 2:00 and 3:30 Admission 5 and 10c

## BIG DOUBLE BILL

## MARGUERITE CLARK

IN

## "Miss George Washington"

AND MRS. VERNON CASTLE IN

## "PATRIA"

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## WEEKLY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th.  
The Strollers in "The Lion and the Mouse."

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th.  
June Caprice in "A Modern Cinderella."

FRIDAY, MARCH 16th.  
Ruth Stonehouse in "The Saintry Sinner."

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th.  
Marie Doro in "Oliver Twist."

MONDAY, MARCH 19th.  
Marguerite Clark in "Miss George Washington" and  
Mrs. Vernon Castle in "Patria"

TUESDAY, MARCH 20th.  
Anita Stewart in "The Glory of Yolanda"

Prices to all Pictures—5c and 10c.  
MATINEE EVERY DAY—2:00 and 3:30.